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In re Application Of

Nierhaus, Florian et al : WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE Application No: 09/965375 : FEE NOT PAID

Filed: September 26, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR BACKGROUND NOISE REDUCTION AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT IN VOICE CONFERENCING OVER PACKETIZED NETWORKS

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above identified application is being withdrawn from issue.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution due to unpatentability of one or more claims.

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Telephone inquiries are directed to Wellington Chin (571) 272-3134.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action.

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